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10 November 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Plans

THROUGH : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division, DD/P

SUBJECT : P2V-7 Flash Photography

REFERENCE : Staff Meeting Minutes, 27 October 1959
(COR 0663)

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 6.

2. Paragraph 9 of the referenced Minute, states that I would be queried, on my return, "as to whether or not there was a requirement to have a photo lab and technicians [redacted] now that the /flash photography/ equipment has been removed."

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3. On 10 June 1959 (Ref: ARC M-113, paras 3.c. and 3.d.) the ARC expressed the following views, after having been briefed by those in Ops, DPD, responsible:

"3.c. The ARC agreed to recommend that the existing photo flash equipment be made available for possible use against the CHICOMs if a critical situation were to require it and that the reported new and more effective flashlight equipment be installed in at least one of the P2V-7s and deployed for possible use against the CHICOMs.

d. The ARC is aware of the fact that the installation of the new equipment now existing in one copy could be made at a cost of in the order of \$10,000 - \$20,000. It is the ARC view that the possible need justifies this expenditure in order to have available up-to-date equipment in the collection inventory."

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4. If the decision has been made to remove the photo gear, then I can see no reason why there would be a requirement, from our point of view, to retain a photo lab and technicians

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5. Furthermore, if for R&D, operational or financial reasons, DD/P has determined not to pursue the photo flash technique further at this time, I do not see what useful requirements view the ARC could express in addition to what it has already said in the referenced Minute.

6. RECOMMENDATION

That I inform the ARC that photo flash gear in connection with is, at the moment, not a collection source available for responding to requirements.

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JAMES Q. REBER
Chairman
Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

Recommendation in paragraph 6.
APPROVED

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